

**CITY OF TEMECULA
AGENDA REPORT**

TO: City Council

FROM: Aaron Adams, City Manager

DATE: November 15, 2022

SUBJECT: Approve Recommendation for Community Service Funding - Reinvestment in Temecula Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2022-23 (At the Request of Subcommittee Members Mayor Pro Tem Schwank and Council Member Stewart)

PREPARED BY: Betsy Lowrey, Assistant to the City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Approve the Community Service Funding Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendation to allocate a total of \$1,090,500 to fund grant applications received from nonprofit organizations for the Community Service Funding - Reinvestment in Temecula Grant Program Fiscal Year 2022-23; and
2. Approve a budget transfer of \$1,000,000 from Fund 110 - Community Reinvestment Program Fund to Fund 001 - General Fund to program towards the Community Services Funding Program.

BACKGROUND: The City Council appointed Mayor Pro Tem Zak Schwank and Council Member James Stewart to the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Community Service Funding Ad Hoc Subcommittee to recommend grant fund allocations up to \$50,000 per non-profit organization for programs that provide services to the citizens of Temecula (only). The Community Service Funding Program adopted Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget is \$1,100,000 inclusive of \$1,000,000 from the Community Reinvestment Program budget.

Community Service Funding has historically awarded up to \$5,000 per nonprofit organization, for a total of \$100,000 budgeted annually. This Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2022, and next Fiscal Year, beginning July 1, 2023, the program has been revitalized as "Community Service Funding – Reinvestment in Temecula," as part of the City's adopted \$14,080,000 Community Reinvestment Program. Thus, the budgeted amount increased from \$100,000 to \$1,100,000 each Fiscal Year, for a total of \$2,200,000 over two years, and nonprofit organizations can be awarded up to \$50,000 each year.

The "Community Service Funding - Reinvestment in Temecula Grant" Program information was e-mailed to non-profit organizations in the Temecula Valley area including all community-based charities in the City's database. In addition, advertisements were sent via a press release to the media, posted to the City's social media, emailed through eblast to approximately 42,000

recipients, and promoted on video shown at a Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce event. The application and guidelines were also posted on the City's website. A total of 68 applications from 66 non-profit organizations were submitted to the City requesting a total of \$1,090,500 in grant funding.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee, along with staff members, reviewed the requests for funding based on criteria adopted by the City Council to support non-profit organizations who offer charitable community-wide programs and services such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and are supportive of the arts, special needs community and similar types of charitable needs that must benefit Temecula citizens only. The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends that 51 programs receive grant funding ranging from \$5,000 to \$50,000 each, totaling \$1,090,500 of the available \$1,100,000 budget.

Council Member Alexander will not participate in the Council discussion and action on the Birth Choice application. Birth Choice, Inc., has submitted an application for Community Reinvestment Funding. Council Member Alexander is an employee of Birth Choice and supervises its Temecula operations. Therefore, under State law, Council Member Alexander cannot participate in the Council's discussion and action on the Birth Choice application.

In order to fulfill these obligations, the following procedures will be in place for this item:

1. The Mayor will call Item 13.
2. The City Attorney will explain that Council Member Alexander will not participate in the Council discussion or action on the Birth Choice application because she is employed by Birth Choice.
3. Council Member Alexander will leave the dais and the Council Chamber.
4. Staff will present the Agenda Report on Item 13 and Council will receive public comments on Item 13.
5. Following public comments on Item 13, Council will discuss the Birth Choice application and decide whether to approve, modify or deny the application.
6. Following Council action on the Birth Choice application, Council Member Alexander may return to the Council Chamber and take her place on the dais.
7. At this point, the Council, with Council Member Alexander participating, will consider the other applications for Community Reinvestment Funding.

FISCAL IMPACT: Funds are available in the Fiscal Year 2022-23 Community Service Funding line item 001.101.999.5267 in the amount of \$100,000 and in the Community Reinvestment Program line item in the amount of 1,000,0000.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Application Summary Spreadsheet
2. Fiscal Year 2022-23 Applications